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SUBJECT : Points for Discussion with CIA

1. NARS reviewers have problems in recognizing CIA information contained in State Department documents in both central and post files because they do not know the names or titles of CIA officials. While I recognize that CIA may not wish to, or may not, provide the names of officers abroad, I do recommend that they give NARS two lists, one of known Agency titles such as Deputy Director (Plans) or DDP and the other all senior officials whose employment by CIA is already a matter of public record, e.g. Frank Wisner.
2. In our trial run I came across a number of documents containing biographic information provided by the FBI and CIA. These had been tabbed for review by the contributing Agency but not for State although some of them contained information we would classify as derogatory under the "Persons and Organizations" category of the Guidelines for Systematic Review of Department of State Records Dated 1950-1954. The NARS reviewers explained that, under the 1979 agreement between State and CIA, all biographic reports and sketches are to be referred to CIA for declassification review and action. My question is, if CIA is sent such a State Department document for review and decides that the information is releasable, will they send it to State for concurrence before actually releasing the document?

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#1 - I don't think we should get into the practice of giving such lists to NARS. Such lists are never complete, always going out of date, forever changing. The only exception I would consider is a list of top names only such as Dulles, Wisner, Colby, McKone, etc. Even here you have the problem of whether such a compromised name pollutes the text associated with it in any given instance.

#2 - No we wouldn't send it to State for concurrence although we might note for NARS info that it should be coordinated with State.

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